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Steve Sheppard et al  
Application No. 09/525,488  
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed July 30, 2003, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for express abandonment in favor of a continuing application No. 10/443,744. See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3).

The application is hereby withdrawn from issue, and the abandonment is hereby recognized.

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The application is being forwarded to Files Repository.

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